

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION )  
FOR A GENERAL INCREASE IN ITS )  
NATURAL GAS RATES AND FOR APPROVAL ) PSC DOCKET NO. 15-1734  
OF CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES TO ITS )  
NATURAL GAS TARIFF )  
(FILED DECEMBER 21, 2015) )

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION  
FOR AN INCREASE IN NATURAL GAS BASE RATES, PROPOSED NEW  
SERVICE OFFERINGS, AND MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF CHANGES**

**TO: ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION:**

On December 21, 2015, the Delaware Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") an application for an increase in natural gas rates, to implement proposed new service offerings, to defer certain expenses for later recovery, to implement a revenue normalization mechanism for residential and smaller commercial customers, and to effect miscellaneous tariff changes.

In its application, Chesapeake seeks an increase in annual operating revenues of \$4,741,823, or an increase of 9.96% over current revenues.

**Proposed Increase**

Service Classification	Full Proposed Increase Dollar amounts	Proposed Increase Percentage	Interim Increase Dollar amounts	Interim Increase Percentage
RS-1	\$ 359,321	30.68	\$ 92,502	7.90
EFS-1	\$ 5,007	11.25	\$ 1,057	2.38
RS-2	\$3,791,018	12.33	\$1,544,161	5.02
EFS-2	\$ 23,402	4.96	\$ 9,736	2.06
GS	\$ 437,942	13.32	\$162,218	4.93
EBS	\$ 551	2.70	\$ 362	1.77
MVS	\$ 123,340	4.38	\$88,980	3.16
EMVS	\$ 408	3.86	\$ 302	2.86
LVS	\$ (2,200)	-0.06	\$198,123	5.34
HILFS	\$ (4,274)	-0.11	\$399,507	10.05
GIR	\$ 298	33.67	\$ 0	N/A
NCR	\$ 7,001	4.67	\$ 1,104	0.74
ITS	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
NGV	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
Total	\$4,741,823	9.96%	\$2,498,052	5.25%

On January 19, 2016, in Order No. 8848, the Commission, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(a)(1), suspended the effect of the proposed new rates, tariff revisions and other requested relief pending further investigation, public comment sessions, and public evidentiary hearings, which will be held later after further public notice. However, in Order No. 8848 the Commission authorized Chesapeake to place a portion of its proposed increases into effect subject to refund, pursuant to 26 Del. C. §306(c), sixty (60) days after the initial December 21, 2015 filing date, or on February 19, 2016. The Commission also granted Chesapeake's request to waive the requirement of a bond with surety with respect to the implementation of the interim rates.

The Commission will make its decision on this matter on the basis of the record evidence taken at the public evidentiary hearings. The Commission may approve or reject, in whole or in part, the proposed increase and tariff revisions and may approve a different method for allocating any increase if it finds one to be appropriate.

You are invited to review Chesapeake's application and supporting documents to determine how your interests may be affected by going to DelaFile (<http://delafile.delaware.gov>), the Commission's docketing and file management system, and by searching for Docket No. 15-1734.

If you wish to formally participate as a party in this matter, with the right to present evidence and be represented by counsel, you must file with the Commission a petition asking for leave to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-2.9) on or before Friday, February 26, 2016. All such petitions should be filed in DelaFile according to the Commission's Rules (26 Del. Admin. C. §1001-1.6-4). Petitions filed after the deadline of February 26, 2016, will not be considered except for good cause shown.

If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Donna Nickerson at (302) 736-7500 or by sending an email addressed to [donna.nickerson@state.de.us](mailto:donna.nickerson@state.de.us). You may also review copies of Chesapeake's application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at either 820 North French Street, 4th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 or 29 South State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Please call either (302) 577-5077 or (302) 241-2555 to arrange for a time to review the documents at either of those locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. The link to this form can be found on the Commission's website, <http://depsc.delaware.gov>, or by visiting this web address: <https://delafile.delaware.gov/ComplaintFOIA.aspx>. The Commission will respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. ch. 100.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone), by Internet e-mail, or other means.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by Internet e-mail addressed to [psc@state.de.us](mailto:psc@state.de.us).